



# **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **Tucson Fire Department**

**Fire Chief Dan Newburn**



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Contact: Captain Norm Carlton

Date: May 18, 2008

### **Ward-6 House Fire 2300 Block of E. Mabel**

Sunday May 18, 2008

Dispatch time: 2209

On scene time: 2211

Under control: 2231

Four residents will stay with family tonight after a fire destroyed 3 automobiles, a storage shed, and a carport. The fire started in the storage shed and quickly spread to the cars and then into the kitchen area of the home. It took 25 firefighters 20 minutes to get this blaze under control. The fire generated numerous 911 calls. Some of the callers stated that they heard several small explosions. A neighbor went to the resident's door and alerted them that their house was on fire and they needed to leave immediately. All of the occupants exited the house without incident.

Damage estimate: \$250,000.00

Red Cross: Red Cross was not needed

Injuries: No injuries noted at this time

Cause: Under investigation

Safety message: Always store flammable materials in approved containers. Ensure you have a working smoke detector in your house and check it monthly to ensure it is working properly and replace the batteries once a year.

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